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- 1 This collection of studies by the Swiss scholar Hermann Landolt (b. Basel, 1935), complements the festschrift published for him in 2005 (*Reason and Inspiration in Islam*, ed. B. Todd Lawson), and provides access to fifteen of Landolt's scholarly articles published over a 30-year period in a variety of academic journals and in several languages (English, French, German and Persian). Each one of these articles contributes something substantive and original to our knowledge of its subject. Part One collects six articles (5 in English, 1 in French) on various aspects of the philosophy of Našīr al-Dīn Ṭūsī (Ismailism and *Ešrāqī* philosophy, pp. 3-24); Abū Ḥāmed Moḥammad al-Ġazālī (notes on Religionswissenschaft from the *Meškāt al-anwār*, pp. 25-82 [note the typo in the title on pp. v and vii]); Sohravardī ("Tales of Initiation", pp. 83-106, as well as a re-appraisal of the intersections between philosophy, Sufism and Ismailism, pp. 107-18); and 'Azīz-e Nasafī (the debate on Essence vs. Existence, pp. 119-26, as well as esoteric monism and the paradox of "the face of God", pp. 127-54). Part Two includes nine studies (in French, except as noted below): Iranian mysticism as revealed through a comparison of Sohravardī and 'Ayn al-Qoḍāt of Hamadān (pp. 157-75); Ḥeydar-e Āmolī on the physical and spiritual *me'rāj* of the Prophet (pp. 177-95); Najm-e Rāzī's theory of mystical cognition and his praise of folly (pp. 301-327, English); the distinction between the realm of the sacred (defined by Rudolf Otto) and the mystical realm as conceived by Najm-e Kobrā, Nūr

al-Dīn Esfarā'enī, Aḥmad Ġazālī, and Maḥmūd-e Ošnohī (pp. 327-55, German); Henry Corbin's understanding of Mollā Ṣadrā (pp. 357-64, English); and three articles dealing with 'Alā al-Dawle Semnānī: his views on the "double échelle" of Ebn 'Arabī (pp. 197-210), the Persian text and French introduction (including partial translation) of two of his short works (a letter of 689/1290 and an epistle of 699/1300 entitled *Resāle dar taḥqīq-e anānīyat*) about the theophanic "I" (pp. 211-43), and an extended examination (in German) of an exchange of letters between Semnānī and Kamāl al-Dīn Kāšānī on the concept of *waḥdat al-wujūd* (pp. 245-300). This section is capped off by Landolt's Persian introduction (here unpaginated) to his critical edition of *Kāšef al-asrār* by Nūr al-Dīn 'Abd al-Raḥmān Esfarā'enī.

- 2 Included in the volume are: a list of Landolt's publications, stretching from 1958 to 2005 (pp. xv-xxiv), along with a Persian preface by Naṣrollāh Pūrjavādī, useful indices of proper names and technical terms (pp. 379-403), and a brief note from the author, indicating that the articles are here re-published without change, except for the correction of one error.

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